

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Ms. Stephanie Heather Brown
423 Cedar Lane
Wilmette, IL 60091

Re: Docket No. 98P-1228/CP 1

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is in response to the citizen petition you submitted that was filed on December 28, 1998, which requests that Nisin Preparation, currently affirmed as Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS) under 21 CFR 184.1538, be reclassified as a direct food additive.

The purpose of this response is to advise you, in accordance with 21 CFR 10.30 (e), that we have not reached a decision on your petition within 180 days of the filing of the petition because of the limited availability of resources and other agency priorities.

Sincerely yours,

Alan M. Rulis, Ph.D.
Director
Office of Premarket Approval
Center for Food Safety
and Applied Nutrition

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